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Texas history draws national audience

C-SPAN's American History TV to feature event on 175th anniversary of the Texas Revolution

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AUSTIN — One-hundred-seventy-five years after Texas' fight for independence from Mexico, the revolution will be televised.

Today, Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson announced C-SPAN, the national public affairs network, will broadcast the second annual Save Texas History Symposium to be held this Saturday, October 1. The program will air sometime this fall on C-SPAN3 as a part of its American History TV series, which features various historical topics as a part of the American experience. The Texas Revolution is the subject of this year's symposium, which will be held at the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center in Austin from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"I'm excited that the nation will be exposed to the story of American heroes who fought with bravery and fortitude during the Texas Revolution," said Patterson. "As a native Texan and commissioner of the state's oldest agency, I am proud to share this epic tale of freedom and liberty. It's a story that resonates even louder today."

This year's symposium called "The Texas Revolution at 175: 'Onward was the Cry!'" features several prominent scholars and historians from around the state. In the morning, Dr. Gene Smith, James P. Bevill, Dr. Stephen Hardin and Dr. Gregg Dimmick will speak about the origins, financing and military strategies of the revolution. In the afternoon, Dr. Alwyn Barr will moderate a panel discussion about the contributions of Tejanos, women and blacks to the Revolution. Additional events will include a Texas history educators workshop, pioneer land surveying expedition, guided tours of the General Land Office Archives and Records and the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, a genealogical workshop featuring experts from the National Archives and Records Administration and the Travis County Archives and living history demonstrations by the Texian Legacy Association. Morning sessions will occur at the AT&T Center, while afternoon events will take place at the AT&T Center, General Land Office, Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum and University of Texas campus.

Sponsors of this year's symposium are the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, Frontier Surveying, Rosen Classroom, Texas Society of Professional Surveyors, Texas State Genealogical Society, Texas State Historical Association and TexasTejano.com. Sponsors and exhibitors will be in Room 103 of the AT&T Center throughout the day. Official symposium posters will be sold for \$10 at the event, with proceeds going toward the Texas General Land

Office's Save Texas History program, which promotes Texas history education and the preservation of historic maps and documents.

Registration is limited and costs \$50 per person. To register, visit www.savetexashistory.org.

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